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<b>Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</b>  Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/520,385-Conf. #2540
	Filing Date	January 3, 2005
	First Named Inventor	Takashi Ishii
	Art Unit	2811
	Examiner Name	C. A. Matthews
	Attorney Docket Number	20239/0202029-US0

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii. ☒ Other Response filed September 28, 2006

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-0100. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this fee set.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 01 FC:1801 790.00 CP

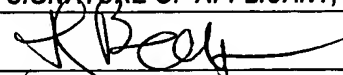
ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

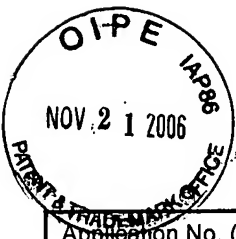
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 790.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	November 21, 2006
Name (Print/Type)	Thomas J. Bean	Registration No.	44,528



Application No. (if known): 10/520,385

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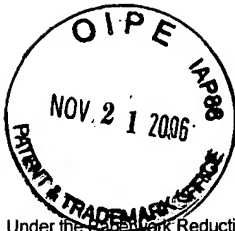
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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/520,385-Conf. #2540
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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

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Signature			
Printed name	Thomas J. Bean		
Date	November 21, 2006	Reg. No.	44,528



<b>Effective on 12/08/2004.</b> <b>Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2006</b>		Application Number	10/520,385-Conf. #2540
		Filing Date	January 3, 2005
		First Named Inventor	Takashi Ishii
		Examiner Name	C. A. Matthews
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27	Art Unit	2811	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>	<b>(\$)</b> 790.00	Attorney Docket No.	20239/0202029-US0

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<input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below	<input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
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<b>FEE CALCULATION</b>							
<b>1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES</b>							
	<b>FILING FEES</b>		<b>SEARCH FEES</b>		<b>EXAMINATION FEES</b>		
		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>		<u>Small Entity</u>	
<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fees Paid (\$)</b>
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	
							<b>Small Entity</b>
							<b>Fee (\$)</b>
<b>2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES</b>							<b>Fee (\$)</b>
<b>Fee Description</b>							<b>Fee (\$)</b>
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)							50
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)							200
Multiple dependent claims							360
<b>Total Claims</b>							<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
<u>13</u> - 40 = _____ x _____ = _____							
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.							
<b>Indep. Claims</b>							<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
<u>2</u> - 3 = _____ x _____ = _____							
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<b>3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE</b>							
If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).							
<b>Total Sheets</b>	<b>Extra Sheets</b>	<b>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>			
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<b>4. OTHER FEE(S)</b>							
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)							
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): <u>1801 Request for continued examination (RCE) (see 37 ...</u>							<u>790.00</u>

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>			
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